GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Impact of Demonetisation on Wages under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rural wages plunge due to non-availability of cash in rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the wage disbursement under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has been badly affected since demonetisation and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to make direct transfer of wage payment to the workers under MGNREGS and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005 are entitled for the wage rate as per the rate notified by the Central Government in accordance with the provisions of section 6(1) of the Act. The wages are credited into the accounts of the workers. As present, 96% of wage payments are electronically credited into the accounts of the workers through DBT system.

(c): The Government has started National Electronic Fund Management System (NeFMS) in 21 States and 1 UT for direct payment of wages into workers account. The details are given at Annexure.

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